

## Instrument for Order's Cultural Program

# Sons Of Italy Foundation

By A. ALFRED MARCELLO

Through the years top officials of the Order have made much of cultural programs, particularly those which are concerned with keeping alive our cultural ties with Italy. On a number of occasions the Order has been committed to programs designed to make Americans more aware of Italian culture.

We are certain that no one will take issue with us when we say that in spite of all these past efforts we have as yet to scratch the surface. We know that a great deal remains to be done in the realm of cultural programs. It is open to debate as to which would be the best approach to this situation. But in the absence of more concrete plans we submit that our best bet at the moment is through the newly organized Sons of Italy Foundation. This is the Foundation which is committed to the cause of Italian culture. This is the Foundation which is being made possible through your contributions—financially and otherwise.

It is inconceivable that an organization like ours will find it impossible to make this Foundation work. And it is inconceivable that we cannot raise \$400,000 to make it work. That is the sum we must raise so we can build a national home in Washington, D. C., and thus start the Sons of Italy Foundation on its way to putting real meaning to our Italian cultural program.

### What the Foundation Will Do

Through this Foundation it will be possible to do many things. Through this Foundation it will be possible to set up our Garibaldi-Meucci Museum, now on Staten Island, N. Y., in the proposed national home. And through this

Foundation it will also be possible to sponsor a program of the exchange of students between the United States and Italy. The areas, as you can see, are unlimited.

What can you do to help this program? You can take the first big step by making a contribution to the Foundation. Incidentally, such contributions are deductible in income tax returns. You contribute according to your means, of course. But ponder this for a moment—if every member of the Order contributed \$5 each to the Foundation this would virtually ensure the raising of \$400,000. Certainly a contribution of \$5 per member is not going to cause any financial hardship to anyone. Can you honestly say that you cannot afford a five-dollar bill towards such a cause? We doubt it—not in this day and age.

### Methods of Raising \$400,000

There are any number of ways to raise \$400,000, of course and these methods will be exploited no doubt by those concerned with our national home fund drive. But the process will be made much simpler if each member today would resolve to give at least \$5 to the Foundation.

The drive has yet to get into full swing in some areas. There are some states where a great deal of work has already been done. And there are other areas where organizations for soliciting funds have yet to be setup.

It is imperative that everyone put their shoulder to the wheel and fast. Unless we do so now it is doubtful that we can meet the August 1961 deadline. That's the date of our next Supreme Lodge convention. The place will be Washington, D.C., and present plans are that the national home be ready by that time so that dedication ceremonies can be held at the same time as the Supreme Convention is in session.

Our ability to meet this deadline all hinges on you. Will you help by sending in your contribution—a five dollar bill—to the Sons of Italy Foundation. Do it today!

## "It's A Stupid Bird That Fouls Its Own Nest"

# Order Protests Making of Italian Film

The Order has made strong representations to the Italian government to prevent the production of an Italian movie which will be concerned with the life of an Italian gangster deported from the United States to his native Italy.

An official protest has been lodged with Manlio Brosio the Italian Republic's Ambassador to the United States by the Order's National Public Relations Chairman, A. Alfred Marcello. The Order's letter to Ambassador Brosio cited a number of reasons why the Italian film producer, Federico Fellini should not make the film entitled, "The Dirty Face of Crime."

### Supreme Venerable's Views

Ambassador Brosio was told that the views expressed in the National Public Relations Chairman's letter had the full approval of Supreme Venerable Joseph Gorras.

The Order's letter bluntly told the Italian government that if the proposed film was produced as planned "irreparable damage would be done to the Order's campaign to defend the good name of the Italian people."

The Ambassador was also told: "Here we (The Order Sons of Italy in America) are complaining day in and day out that American film and tele-

vision producers are committing the high crime of stereotyping Italians as criminals and then out of a clear sky an Italian producer decides to make a film about hoodlums and narrows the choice down to an Italian!"

The Order's letter further stated that "we respectfully submit that such a film as Signore Fellini proposes would do a great deal of harm to those with Italian roots not only in America but elsewhere."

The letter to Ambassador Brosio was one facet of the Order's

attack. As soon as information was brought to the attention of the National Committee on Public Relations that such a film was in the making, a special advisory bulletin was prepared and mailed to some 300 key officials of the Order in the United States and Canada.

The bulletin brought quick reaction from top officials of the Order. A number of letters from various parts of the country praised the Committee's quick action in this matter. (See page 2)

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## Exploding The Mafia Myth

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### PRESENTS CHARTER TO NEW LODGE

Grand Venerable Angelo Viani of Fairmont, left, presents charter to John B. Albanese, venerable of the newly organized Huntington Lodge No. 2098 at induction ceremonies held in the Frederick Hotel.

Huntington, W. Va.

## 82 Members Are Initiated

HUNTINGTON, W. Va.—The Order's expansion program gained added impetus with the induction of the new Huntington Lodge No. 2098 at charter presentation ceremonies held in the Frederick Hotel.

Grand Venerable Angelo Viani of Fairmont, organizer of the new group, presented the charter to Venerable John B. Albanese.

The initiation of the lodge's 82 members was conducted by the Christopher Columbus Lodge degree team of Charleston.

A large gathering attended a banquet held following the ceremonies of induction.

Louis Paterno of Charleston was principal speaker. Other speakers were Grand Venerable

Viani and Judge Ernest E. Winters.

Frank Lombardo was toastmaster.

Guests were, Mayor and Mrs. A. W. Williams, West Virginia Atty. Gen. and Mrs. W. W. Barron, Grand Financial Secretary John D. Julian, Grand Recording Secretary Mrs. Catherine M. Minehart, Grand Treasurer An-

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## 2,000 Join Pennsylvania Order

PHILADELPHIA — More than 2000 new members have been initiated into the Pennsylvania Order in a 12-month state-wide recruiting drive.

The announcement was made by Grand Recording Secretary Ernest L. Biagi.

Nuova Trento e Trieste Lodge of Canonsburg led all lodges in the Pennsylvania Order with a total enrollment of 120 new members.

Lodges which initiated more than 50 members during the past year were:

Greater Delaware Valley Lodge, of Philadelphia, 77; Giuseppe Di-Silvestro Lodge, of Philadelphia, 74, and Fiorentino - Concordia Lodge, of Connellsville, 53.

Commonwealth Lodge of Phil-

adelphia recruited 48 members.

Individual leaders were Joseph Barralle, of Acchione Lodge, Philadelphia; Grand Recording Secretary Biagi, of Enrico Fermi; Alexander Bonavitacola, of Longfellow - Metropolitan; Joseph D'Amico, of Canonsburg; Fiore De Julius, of Glassport; Grand Trustee Joseph Monte, venerable of Acchione Lodge, Philadelphia; Arnold Orsatti, venerable of Greater Delaware Valley; Elizabeth Rago, William Paca Lodge, Philadelphia; Fred Terling, Canonsburg, and Louis and Fortunato Vitacolonna, both of Giuseppe DiSilvestro Lodge, Philadelphia.

Prizes will be presented at

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# Reaction to Bulletins

A few weeks ago the Order's National Committee on Public Relations devised a new plan to keep key officials of the Order throughout the United States and Canada posted on matters of vital interest to our membership.

Through periodic advisory bulletins these key officials are kept abreast of developments in the Order's continuing fight to "defend the good name of the Italian people." For the most, material carried in these bulletins would not ordinarily be published in OSIA NEWS. And in certain cases the material is intended only to provide key officials with background in matters which might require immediate action.

As of this writing two such bulletins have been mailed to some 300 officials of the Order. The reaction to these bulletins has been most gratifying.

## Judge Alessandrini's Letter

Take Judge Eugene V. Alessandrini's comments, for example. The Pennsylvania Grand Venerable wrote as follows to A. Alfred Marcello, National Public Relations Chairman:



Alessandrini

Dear Al:

Have just read this second bulletin. This is comprehensive and intelligent work of the first order. We of Pennsylvania are strongly behind you and will continue to serve as long as the need exists.

Congratulations!

Eugene V. Alessandrini  
Grand Venerable

## SPATUZZA'S COMMENTS ON FELLINI

And from Ex-Supreme Venerable George J. Spatuzza came this letter:



SPATUZZA

Dear Al:

I was very much disturbed to read in your advisory bulletin about the contemplated plan of a film called, "The Dirty Face of Crime," by Federico Fellini, an Italian producer.

I have no doubt that, if the plan goes through, the film will be released for showing in this country and, if so, irreparable damage will be done to our campaign. . . .

Keep up the good work, Al, for in the long run justice will prevail and our work will be crowned with success.

Fraternal yours,  
George J. Spatuzza

## LETTER FROM CONNECTICUT OFFICIAL

The news concerning Signore Fellini's plan to film, "The Dirty Face of Crime," brought this reaction from James V. Novaco, Grand Financial Secretary of the Connecticut Order:

Dear Brother Marcello:

I have at this moment received your April 8, 1960 bulletin which I appreciate very much reading the good and the bad news. I fully agree with you that Signore Federico Fellini, Italian film producer, should be severely reprimanded by the Italian authorities for trying to produce a film which will have the seal of approval from the American producer of "The Untouchables" — those responsible for the program, "The Noise of Death." This is the program which our Order has brought into effect a lawful boycott against the sponsors.

Keep up your good work and with the very best of luck in this uphill fight.

James V. Novaco  
Waterbury, Conn.

## GIMINO'S VIEWS ON CRIMINALS

We have long held the view that the Italian government should do something about the matter of deportation of criminals from the United States to Italy. We know there are instances where the Italian government has no recourse but to take back these criminals.

But we know of any number of cases where the Italian government could have stood firm and refused to accept delivery of these "soiled" packages. We propose to go into this matter in detail on some other occasion.

Our only reason for mentioning this matter at this time is that support for our stand comes from Past Supreme Venerable of the Order — Frank J. V. Gimino of New Jersey. We are pleased to note that Brother Gimino explored this situation recently at a New Jersey banquet at which he was the honor guest.

Speaking on the current furor over television crime shows and news stories, Brother Gimino deplored the fact that "excessive publicity is given to those criminals bearing Italian names and no publicity whatever is given to the judges and the prosecutors who put these criminals behind the bars where they belong."

Brother Gimino noted that the country's two most "notorious criminals, Costello and Capone learned their 'trade' in the United States and not in Italy.

"One did on the sidewalks of New York and the other in Chicago," Gimino said.

"Italy," the former Supreme Venerable continued, "should refuse to take back criminals of this type when deported, because like merchandise, they were damaged in transit — damaged goods."

As we have said previously this makes for sound thinking and we hope that the day will come when officials of the Italian government will realize how wrong it is for them to allow these "damaged and soiled packages" to be returned to Italy without as much as a murmur.

Another point made by Brother Gimino in his talk was that neither Hollywood nor television has ever done anything to show that a large segment of Americans of Italian origin are serving as judges, prosecutors and in law enforcement agencies in the United States.

"You never hear about them on the screen or TV," Gimino declared. "Why? Is it because if the nation heard these Italian judges praised for putting criminals in jail it would destroy the myth that all Italians are gangsters? Think it over."

Gimino cited the famous Brink's Case. This was the most notorious crime of the century, one that yielded more than one million dollars.

"Of the dozen or more defendants involved," Gimino said, "the majority bore names which, while they began with an 'I' were not Italian. But the Judge who presided at the trial was a judge with an Italian name. Judge Felix Forte, of which he is proud, a former Supreme Venerable . . ."

# Text of Order's Letter To Ambassador Brosio

The following is a letter to His Excellency, Manlio Brosio, the Italian Republic's Ambassador to the United States. It was dispatched to Ambassador Brosio by the Order's National Public Relations Chairman, A. Alfred Marcello, upon receipt of information that an Italian film producer, Federico Fellini, was planning a movie based on the life of an Italian gangster deported from the United States to his native Italy.

Your Excellency:

A situation has come up which we thought should be brought to your attention. At first flush it may seem strange that we should be writing to you about a motion picture, but we are doing so in the hope that once you are made aware of this problem you will know what action to take.

At this point I will state that I am writing to you as National Chairman of Public Relations for the Order Sons of Italy in America and with the full knowledge and approval of our Supreme Venerable, Attorney Joseph Gorrasi of Woburn, Mass.

From a number of sources it has been brought to our attention that the Italian producer-director Federico Fellini is about to or is in the process of making a film titled, "The Dirty Face of Crime."

The information reaching us is that the proposed film will deal with an underworld character who is deported from the United States to his native Italy.

## Unpleasant Reactions

On the surface this may not seem an important film, one to be given a second thought. But there are a number of factors which may escape the uninitiate. And because of this, the movie Federico Fellini is producing may have some unpleasant repercussions.

You know, of course, that the Order Sons of Italy in America for more than a year has been carrying on the brunt of a campaign which in essence is concerned with "defending the good name of the Italian people." Chief target of our campaign has been television shows which have stereotyped the average Italian as a throat-slitting gangster. The word Mafia has been bandied about by television and film writers, the press and even irresponsible public officials. So much so that the American public has been brainwashed into believing the worst of anyone of Italian origin.

But now we believe that our campaign is changing the climate. By bringing the issue of Mafia out into the open the Order has succeeded in showing it up for what it really is — a bogeyman conjured up by script writers and a collow American press.

## May Upset Balance

However, we still have a long way to go. There are many more areas to be attacked before we can sit back and enjoy any laurels. Because of this we are fearful that unwittingly a delicate balance may be upset by an Italian film producer who is not familiar with the curious American mind.

How will the American public react to an Italian film which harps on the theme of an Italian gangster? How can we justify our position in the face of such a situation? Here we are complaining day in and day out

## Ambassador Brosio's Reply

Herewith is a copy of a letter the Order's National Committee on Public Relations has received from Ambassador Brosio:

Dear Mr. Marcello:

Thank you very much for your letter of April 4th.

I fully appreciate the significance of your letter and the value of your expressions.

I have passed it on to the appropriate authorities in Rome, calling their best attention on the matter.

The question that you have outlined is certainly a very important one and one that is very close to our mind.

With kindest regards, believe me

Sincerely yours,

Manlio Brosio

that American producers are committing the high crime of stereotyping Italians and then out of the clear sky an Italian producer decides to make a film about hoodlums and narrows the choice down to an Italian!

May I interject at this point an old, old adage — "It's a stupid bird that fouls its own nest."

Of course if Signore Fellini's picture is for the consumption of Italian movie fans alone we would not be too concerned. But the chances are very good that this type of film will somehow be released in the United States and elsewhere. And I can picture now the ingenious American press agent having a field day exploiting the box office values of such a production.

## Ambassador's Role

Undoubtedly you are asking yourself: "But what has this matter about a movie got to do with me, the Ambassador to the United States from the Republic of Italy?"

Since you are the Italian Republic's Ambassador to the United States we are certain that you are concerned with anything that might affect the social or political status of some 20 million Americans of Italian origin.

We respectfully submit that a film such as Signore Fellini proposes will do a great deal of harm to those with Italian roots not only in America but elsewhere.

And we say this with an honest conviction that comes from long experience as an editor in this country. I have been a newspaperman for more than 36 years, mostly as an editor of metropolitan daily newspapers. I believe I know and understand the American mind and it is because of this I urge you to give this problem your most serious consideration.

We will, of course, be anxious to hear from you in this matter.

With every best wish, I am

Respectfully yours,

A. Alfred Marcello

# PROTEST OF PLANNED FILM

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for some letters in the column, The Director's Desk.)

In Pennsylvania, Grand Recording Secretary Ernest L. Biagi was quick to take up the Committee's attack. In a statement in the Pennsylvania Grand Lodge's publication, The Sons of Italy Times, Biagi was highly critical of Fellini's proposal to produce the film, "The Dirty Face of Crime." He deplored Fellini's lack of judgment and called for

cancellation of the proposed production.

To further press the Order's position, the National Public Relations Chairman, following consultations with Supreme Venerable Goseph Gorrasi, called on all Grand Lodges to register protests with the Italian government.

Letters sent to all Grand Lodges via Grand Recording Secretaries, asked that representations be made to Italian Consul Generals or their representatives in their particular community.

A copy of the Order's letter to Ambassador Brosio will be found on page 2 of this edition.

# West Virginia

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tonio Basile, and Luigi Costa, president of the FUM Commission.

Officers of the new lodge are, Venerable Albanese; Luigi L. Narcise, assistant venerable; Joseph Franzalia, orator; Leo V. Imperi, recording secretary; Dominic Bruzesse, financial secretary; Samuel Simonette, treasurer; Dr. C. L. Terlizzi, Mrs. C. L. Terlizzi, Joseph Muratore, Dr. Juan Chersi and Dr. Michael Russo, trustees.



# Exploding The Mafia Myth

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By JOSEPH N. BELL

A widely publicized supercriminal organization called the Mafia is supposed to be stalking our nation. This mysterious, sinister gang of Italian-Americans—specializing in extortion, dope-smuggling and murder—is said to have set up a vast criminal syndicate that is bilking the country of hundreds of millions of dollars a year.

Almost daily, the Mafia is blamed by newspapers and police officials for some major criminal activity. Its tentacles supposedly reach into labor union and the management of large corporations.

The origins of the Mafia go back to 13th century Sicily. In fact, membership is supposed to be confined to native-born Sicilians who have kept alive, over the centuries, its code of lawlessness and terror.

Over the years, many Italian rulers tried in vain to wipe out the Mafia entirely. Some succeeded well enough to send Mafia members fleeing to the United States, where they took up the business they knew best: crime. That some members of the Mafia are here and are involved in criminal operations is beyond question.

But there is one highly respected and outspoken criminologist, headquartered in Chicago (supposedly a hotbed of Mafia activity), who insists that we are overestimating the presence of the Mafia, and that its highly publicized "power" is a myth seriously hampering our efforts to control major crime. He says flatly:

## Mafia Doesn't Control Crime

"I have seen no evidence that the Mafia controls organized crime either in Chicago or nationally. Available facts point to the contrary and actually refute the existence of the Mafia in Chicago and minimize its importance elsewhere in this country."

This authority is a slight, dapper, earnest and dedicated ex-FBI man named Virgil Peterson, who has been bird-dogging law enforcement in Chicago since 1942 as director of the city's unique, effective and privately financed Crime Commission. Peterson is a hard-headed realist. He has to be to cope with crime in Chicago.

## Four Major Arguments

Crime-fighter Peterson lists four major arguments to support his debunking of the omnipotence of the Mafia:

1. During the past decade, thousands of raids, arrests and legal wire taps (the latter in New York) involving top-ranking underworld characters have turned up no evidence to establish the existence of the American Mafia—despite widely circulated publicity to the contrary.

2. Prosecution of members of Murder, Inc., during the early 1940s was the most thorough and detailed inquiry into underworld leaders in recent years. Yet prosecutor Burton B. Turkus wrote afterward: "As a factor of power in national crime, Mafia has been

## Magazine Helps Puncture The Myth of Mafia

A little less than a year ago the Order Sons of Italy in America set about to "puncture the myth of the Mafia." Since then we have maintained right along that no law enforcement agency in this country has been able to come up with any proof to substantiate claims that a Mafia does exist in the United States.

Now comes strong support for our position from former FBI Agent, Virgil Peterson, currently serving as chairman of Chicago's Crime Commission. The May issue of PAGEANT, monthly magazine, carried an article—"Exploding the Mafia Myth," written by Joseph N. Bell. The editors of PAGEANT have graciously given permission to OSIA NEWS to reprint the copyright article.

The Order Sons of Italy's campaign is mentioned in this article.

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virtually extinct for two decades . . .

3. The Mafia, by its very "tribal" nature, is supposedly restricted solely to Sicilians. But many prominent underworld characters, often named as "syndicate men"—Eddie Vogel; Harry Hochstein, Murray "The Camel" Humphreys, Frank Erickson, "Dandy" Phil Katsel, George Uffner, Meyer and Jake Lansky, Moe Dalitz, and Maurice Kleinman—are neither Sicilian nor Italian. Neither were the late Claude Maddox and Abner Zwillman. Peterson finds it impossible to believe that the Mafia would import such outsiders to direct its operations.

4. The FBI has made public the results of exhaustive studies of both local and national crime—proving the existence of hundreds of secret organizations—but has yet to offer any evidence establishing the existence of the Mafia as a criminal organization.

To those who cite the recent Apalachin convocation of gang leaders as a "board of directors" meeting of the Mafia, Peterson counters by noting:

"Vito Genovese, often labeled the Mafia's top man in the United States, was one of the leaders of that Apalachin meeting. Yet this is the same Genovese who ran to Italy in the '30s and became a staunch friend and supporter of Mussolini—at the very time that Il Duce was engaged in a bitter war to wipe out the Mafia in Sicily. It's inconceivable to me that Genovese could then return to this country and mastermind the very organization he had just been working to stamp out."

## Overzealous Journalists

Overzealous journalists and scriptwriters, Peterson doggedly insists, are crediting the Mafia with powers far beyond any point even weakly supported by facts.

With the aid of the mass media, says Peterson, the Mafia is fast becoming a catch-all for blame for crime of every name and nature.

But what, after all, is so harmful about that? Does it really matter what label we hang on the forces of organized crime? It

does, says Peterson, and for two extremely cogent reasons.

"First of all," he says, "we're alienating a large group of law-abiding citizens, millions of solid Italian-Americans, with this foolish insistence on the Mafia. They're sore about it—and I don't blame them."

The Sons of Italy in America—largest fraternal order of Americans of Italian extraction—has made "puncturing the myth of the Mafia bogey man" one of its primary pieces of business. Giovanna Schiavo—editor of the Italian-American "Who's Who"—has said point-blank: "There is no Sicilian Mafia in the United States. Criminals of Italian extraction, just as criminals of other extractions, are products of America, with a strictly American 'modus operandi.'"

But the Myth of the Mafia harms not only Italian-Americans, but our whole country, says Peterson.

"Oversimplification of the crime problem," he declares, "is a tremendous deterrent to licking it. And that's exactly what we're doing when we overwork the idea that all crime is masterminded by a tight little group of Sicilian criminal geniuses."

"For instance, within a few hours of the murder last December of ex-convict Roger Touhy in Chicago, the Mafia was dragged in by reporters, news commentators—even police—as responsible. There was no evidence of any kind to support such a theory . . . Touhy was for years the Capone gang's most powerful antagonist . . . The most logical explanation is that the remnants of the local Capone gang paid off an old score."

## Hoodlums Feel Secure

"When hoodlums see and hear police officials baying off on the Mafia scent, they feel more secure and are more inclined to expand their local activities. The underworld should have a healthy respect for its antagonists in law enforcement. They won't if we keep yammering about the Mafia."

"There's no question," Peterson says, "that organized crime exists in this country. But I just can't buy the theory that there is one single group of criminals in control. There are interconnections, yes, but not one organization with branch offices like a corporation. If this were the case, we could chop off the head and probably kill the monster."

"Look," he told me when I interviewed him recently, "you're a writer. When you go to a strange town, chances are you look up other writers or editors who work there. You have a lot in common, perhaps you even help one another. Well, that's the way it is with hoodlums. When they visit another town, they look up the men in their own line of work. They do favors for one another. Occasionally they may even draw up some sort of a working agreement. But they don't all belong to the same organization and take orders from the same board of directors."

Organized crime in the U.S., Peterson insists, is almost always local, and its individual roots run deep in our cities; they have to be painstakingly dug out one at a time.

Where do we stand if we dismiss the idea of a Mafia or a supercriminal agency that controls nationwide crime, if we recognize crime for what it is: a group of loosely knit local opera-

# CATHOLIC NEWSPAPER EDITORIAL COMMENTS ON "UNTOUCHABLES"

The official publication of the Worcester Roman Catholic Diocese, *The Catholic Free Press*, recently commented on the Order's campaign to "defend the good name of the Italian people," with an editorial entitled, "The Untouchables." The editorial, favorable to our cause, brought widespread reaction from its readers. For the most the reaction was excellent. Among the letters carried by *The Catholic Free Press* following publication of the editorial was one from the chairman of the Order's National Committee on Public Relations.

Here is the editorial as it appeared in *The Catholic Free Press*:

The Attorney General of the United States, William F. Rogers, wrote in reply to inquiries regarding the existence of the Mafia in this country: "to my knowledge there is no national crime syndicate consisting solely of criminals of any particular national origin." Several months ago, when this statement was made, we judged it too obvious to bother reporting, but now we are not so sure.

The entertainment industry recently has managed to create in all too many minds the impression that there exists a very definite connection between crime in the United States and people of Italian origin. Millions of Americans feel that they are being slandered and defamed by the careless use of the Italian word, "Mafia," to connote organized crime and the constant portrayal of the criminal in Italian guise. They find the jokes and wisecracks that are so popular at the moment most offensive. For our part, we find the whole thing serious and sad.

The contribution that Italy has made to the civilization of the West is inestimable. The cultural life of contemporary America would be immeasurably poorer were it not for all that we have absorbed from the Italians who have come to our midst. One is almost embarrassed to mention these things that are true to the point of being trite. We deeply regret that this most distinguished people should continue to suffer because some Italians, in the first flush of immigration, fell prey to crime.

People who read books have learned to thrill to the glories of Italy that are an integral part of our own heritage. Americans who are engaged in community affairs cannot help but notice in how many constructive projects their fellow citizens of Italian descent are setting the pace. Only that clique which spends all its leisure time before the TV screen has been convinced that crime in this country is the special interest of the Italian. Only these people laugh at vulgar remarks that offend others. We find some comfort in reflecting upon the fact that this limited group, like the "untouchables" of India, form the lowest caste in our society.

tions dabbling in legitimate business, protected by a local political immunity, and boasting high-priced legal experts? How can we loosen the grip of crime from the throat of every taxpaying American citizen?

## No Handy Formula

"There's no handy little clean-up formula," says Peterson. "But there are some steps which must be taken before we're going to make much headway in this direction." Peterson suggests seven.

1. Establish an effective intelligence corps within the police department of every major city. The corps, charged with the special responsibility of knowing exactly where all the top local mobsters are and what they are up to, "would help law enforcers to detect crimes before they happen—or to move quickly when a crime is committed," says Peterson.

2. Concentrate police efforts in breaking down the immunity of the leading local criminals. Well-known criminal leaders operate with relative impunity because they rarely commit overt crimes themselves. But effective police investigation can almost always find their Achilles heel no matter how well shielded they are. Frank Costello had strong political connections, yet he was tripped up by careful investigative work by dogged Internal Revenue agents and the New York police.

3. Concentrate public attention on conditions rather than individuals, then bring public pressure to bear to eliminate bad conditions. Whenever gambling or vice is operating openly in a community, then the hoodlums are in control and have bought off the necessary public officials. When this happens, the public isn't as helpless as it sometimes feels. Peterson emphasizes: "I

know of no instance where an aroused citizenry hasn't been able to stop runaway crime by eliminating the public officials who have permitted it to operate."

4. Combat the current anti-police attitude held by a frightening majority of American citizens. Occasional examples of police excesses or corruption, says Peterson, have convinced us that the public needs more protection from the police than from criminals. This attitude frequently ties the hands of police in investigations that are clearly in the public interest.

5. Modify the highly restrictive rules of evidence in our courts. The rules governing inadmissible evidence—most frequently claimed on the basis of duress, coercion, illegal arrest or unreasonable search or seizure—are often vague and favor the defendant rather than the people. "Unreasonable search," Peterson points out, has no clear legal definition, yet a number of well-documented criminal cases have been thrown out on the basis of this legal technicality.

Evidence should also be permitted to stand on its own merits. In Peterson's opinion, if the evidence is sound, there should be no connection in a court of law between its presentation and alleged misconduct of police in obtaining it. If misconduct can be proved, it should be punished, and severely. But powerful evidence over which competent police investigators have sweated for many weeks shouldn't be jettisoned. Police are often completely hamstrung in their efforts both to obtain and present useful evidence.

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# 300 At Dinner For Emilio Segre'

HAYWARD, Calif.—Supreme and Grand Lodge officers and civic leaders joined with more than 300 persons in paying tribute to Prof. Emilio Segre', recipient of the Nobel Prize for his accomplishments in Physics.

The noted Italian physicist, who has been in this country since 1940, was honored at a testimonial banquet given by members of Enrico Fermi Lodge.

Professor Segre' spoke of his close association with Fermi, the discoverer of the Atomic bomb, during his university days in Italy. He recalled that it was Enrico Fermi who persuaded him to take up the study of Physics instead of his intended course of study in engineering.

## Lauds Lodge

He paid tribute to members of the lodge for the name it had chosen, that of Enrico Fermi.

Professor Segre', recipient of the Nobel Prize for his work with antiprotons, has also assisted in the discovery of Plutonium and Neptunium.

Other speakers included Grand Venerable Attilio Raeta, Ex-Grand Venerable Peter J. Bertoglio, Judge Thomas L. Foley, and Venerable Anthony Mastrantonio.

First Assistant Grand Venerable Alfonso Zirpoli was toastmaster.

Guests were Supreme Trustee Mrs. Giulia Besozzi, Grand Orator and Mrs. Frank Ragone, Grand Treasurer and Mrs. Rocco Chiechi, Grand Historian Angelo Bacoccina, Grand Trustee and Mrs. Pat Mastrantonio, Grand Trustee and Mrs. Aldo Tadolini, Grand Trustee Fay Sola, Mrs. Raeta, Mrs. Bertoglio and Mrs. Foley.

## San Francisco

### Zirpoli Speaks At Gracchi Lodge Banquet

SAN FRANCISCO—First Assistant Grand Venerable Alfonso J. Zirpoli, city supervisor, was principal speaker at the 28th anniversary banquet sponsored by Cornelia dei Gracchi Lodge No. 1587.

More than 300 members and friends of the lodge attended the observance held in the Grand Lodge building.

Other speakers included Grand Venerable Attilio Raeta and Supreme Trustee Charles Palazzolo. Mrs. Lucia Calleri was toastmaster.

Supreme Trustee Palazzolo presented a 25-year pin to Ex-Venerable Rose Giambra.

Awards for outstanding service were presented to the Lodge's following ex-venerables: Supreme Trustee Mrs. Giulia Besozzi, Carolina Angeli, Maria Locati, Mrs. Calleri, Isma Micheli, Anna Pizzino and Amina Pepe, who was general chairman.

Guests were, Third Assistant Grand Venerable Salvatore Argento, Mrs. Raeta, Mrs. Palazzolo, Henry Besozzi, Grand Orator Frank Ragone, Grand Historian Angelo Bacoccina, Grand Financial Secretary and Mrs. Elio Comoli, Grand Trustee Mrs. Fay Sola, Anthony Sola, Grand Trustee and Mrs. Pat Mastrantonio, Mr. and Mrs. Onofre Spagnuolo, and Mr. and Mrs. Renato Marazzini.

Venerable Margaret DePalma and Mrs. Pizzino were co-chairmen.

## California Order Plans Tour to Rome

SAN FRANCISCO — The California Order this summer will sponsor a Sons of Italy Olympic Tour to Rome.

The tour members, who will travel by jet plane to Rome, June 24, will also visit Montecassino Abbey and the Order's Cassino Memorial Orphanage at Cassino, Italy.



## OFFICERS INSTALLED AT FT. LAUDERDALE, FLA.

Grand Venerable John B. Sartor, right, presided at the installation of officers of Ft. Lauderdale Lodge No. 2066. Front row, left to right, Anthony Salvino, ex-venerable; Joseph A. Filandro, venerable; Grand Venerable Sartor; rear, left to right, Anthony Graziano, assistant venerable, and Emil DeSimone, past assistant venerable.

## California

### Grand Council Readies For June Convention

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. — Grand Council members discussed preliminary plans for the Grand convention to be held in June at Klamath Falls, Ore.

Grand Venerable Attilio Raeta of San Francisco, presided at the two-day sessions.

Agenda highlights included a discussion on the Order's campaign to defend and protect the good name of the Italian people; the annual Grand Lodge picnic; plans for the Grand Lodge anniversary, and observance of Columbus Day.

Reports were given by chairmen of the Mortuary Fund Commission, the Hospital Fund Commission and the Grand Lodge Building Commission.

### 'Man of Year' Dinner At Racine, Wisconsin

RACINE, Wis. — Vince Lombardi, coach of the Green Bay Packers and general manager, was honored by members of Roma Lodge as "Wisconsin's Outstanding Italian of 1959." More than 175 persons attended the dinner held in the lodge quarters.

A plaque was presented the honored guest by Dick Monfelli, program chairman. Grand Deputy Dominic Posterino was general chairman.



## LORAIN, OHIO LODGE OBSERVES NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

Supreme Trustee Anthony E. Candela of Ashtabula, second from right, and officers of Vittoria-Anchorian Lodge No. 1168 present a gift book to the Lorain Public Library. From left to right, Assistant Venerable V. J. Glorioso, Venerable Thomas Giasomo, Miss Marian King, librarian; Ex-Venerable William Trepo, Supreme Trustee Candela and Corresponding Secretary Samuel "Jelley" Rosso. The book, "Four Centuries of Italian-American History," was written by Giovanni Schiavo.

## San Jose, Calif.

### 600 Pay Tribute to Ragone

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Supreme and Grand Lodge officers joined with more than 600 persons in paying tribute to Grand Orator Frank Ragone at a banquet and dance sponsored by the three Sons of Italy lodges here.

Hosts were Quattro Novembre Lodge No. 1542, Duchessa d'Aosta Lodge No. 1602 and San Jose Lodge No. 2090.

Third Assistant Supreme Venerable Donato Ferrigno, Grand Venerable Attilio Raeta and

Grand Orator Ragone were speakers.

First Assistant Grand Venerable Alfonso J. Zirpoli, San Francisco city supervisor, was toastmaster. Umberto Abronzino was general chairman.

Grand Lodge officers attending were. Third Assistant Grand Venerable Salvatore Argento, Grand Recording Secretary Vincent Melella, Grand Treasurer Rocco Chiechi, Grand Trustees Pat Mastrantonio, Aldo Tadolini, Fay Sola and Frank Giacomazzi.

### Santa Cruz Lodge Installs

SANTA CRUZ, Calif. — Elio Orlando was installed as venerable of Santa Cruz Lodge No. 1992 at ceremonies conducted by Grand Orator Frank Ragone and Grand Deputy Joseph Cala.

A highlight of the program was the initiation of three new members, Diane Bianconi, Angelo Raffaelli and Alverda Orlando.

Other officers installed were, Gina Avedano, assistant venerable; Rita Giovannoni, ex-venerable; Louis Lippi, orator; Mary Jane Pori, recording secretary; Roland Pori, financial secretary; Linda Franchine, treasurer; Marcella Braida, Secondina Rocco, Pierina Beccaria, Annie Moretti, Adele Oneto, trustees; Mary Camero and Rose Lippi, masters of ceremony; Dominico DeLuca, sentinel.

### 27 Members Cited at Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, Calif.—Pugliese Lodge No. 1375 honored 27 members with more than 20 years of service at a dinner held in Saint Peter's Hall. More than 250 persons attended.

Awards were presented to four members for their work in bringing in a total of 32 new members in 1959.

Recipients were, Venerable Chris Lotito, 12 new members; Trifone Ventrella, 8; Nellie Loew, 6, and Louis Smaldino, 6.

### San Diego Couple Receive Merit Award

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — The Grand Lodge Merit award was presented to Mr. and Mrs. George Pernicano at a testimonial dinner held in the U.S. Grant Hotel. More than 150 persons attended.

Bruno Giuffrida, president of the scholarship commission, presented the award which was given in appreciation of their generosity in establishing the Santo Pernicano Memorial Scholarship Award.

Frank Alessio was toastmaster and Michael Milazzo was chairman.

### 10 Inducted At Santa Rosa

SANTA ROSA, Calif.—A class of 10 new members was initiated into the Order at ceremonies preceding a banquet honoring Grand Venerable Attilio Raeta's visit to Santa Rosa Lodge No. 1898.

Grand Venerable Raeta, principal speaker at the banquet, presided at the initiation and was assisted by Third Assistant Grand Venerable Salvatore Argento, who served as herald.



## AMERICAN CONTRACTORS ELECT VOLPE

John A. Volpe, left, president of the John A. Volpe Construction Co., of Malden, Mass., and general chairman of the Order's National Memorial Home fund drive, is congratulated upon his installation as president of the Associated General Contractors of America at the 41st annual convention held in San Francisco. Brother Volpe is the first American of Italian descent to be chosen president by the association. Offering best wishes are James W. Cawdrey, center of Seattle, outgoing president, and M. Clare Miller of Kansas, new vice president.



# Plans Support Of Legislation

The Order's Committee on Immigration and Naturalization will announce soon a course of action to be taken by the Order with regard to Immigration legislation pending before Congress.

Grand Venerable Samuel A. Culotta of Baltimore, Md., national chairman, has asked members of his committee to make recommendations on several bills now before Congress.

Among the bills being given consideration are S. 3225 and H.R. 9385.

The Administration's bill, S. 3225, would ease existing immigration restrictions by doubling the present 154,000 quota, change the limitation base from 1920 to the 1960 census, provide for distribution of unused quotas to oversubscribed countries and calls for the parole into this country of refugees from oppression.

H.R. 9385 has passed the House and awaits action in the Senate. The bill would provide for the exclusion or deportation of an alien convicted for violation of any law relating to illicit possession of marihuana. The bill would also change several provisions in the present law.

Committee members are State Sen. Anthony O. Calabrese of East Cleveland, Grand Venerable of Ohio; Grand Venerable Paul A. D'Agostino of Green Harbor, Mass.; Grand Venerable Attilio Raeta of San Francisco, Calif.; Supreme Recording Secretary Joseph A. L. Errigo of Wilmington, Del., and Grand Recording Secretary Ernest L. Biagi of Philadelphia, Pa.

## Hamilton, Ont.

### Trieste Lodge Honors Del Piero

HAMILTON, Ont. — Aurelio DelPiero, a founder of Trieste Lodge No. 4, has been made an honorary life member of the lodge in recognition of his years of service.

Grand Venerable Anthony Farano of Toronto, a speaker at

## Massachusetts Junior Division 29th Birthday

BOSTON — A large number of junior members throughout the Bay State attended the 29th anniversary ball given by the Junior Division at the Parker House.

Among the guests were Grand Venerable and Mrs. Paul A. D'Agostino, Green Harbor, and Nicholas DiConza, Fitchburg, junior division president.



## GIMINO RECEIVES CERTIFICATE OF MERIT AT UNION CITY, N. J.

Past Supreme Venerable Frank J. V. Gimino of Jersey City, N. J., second from left, accepts certificate of merit presented by Dr. Alphonso J. Orrico, right, director of Psychology of the Hudson County Hospital for Mental Diseases, who was toastmaster at a dinner by Union City Lodge. Looking on are Mrs. Gimino and Venerable Michael Lepore. (See Director's Desk on Page 2.)



## ANTHONY J. TORO HONORED AT TORRINGTON, CONN.

From left to right, Grand Venerable Edwin T. Chariott, South Norwalk, principal speaker; Mrs. Frances Lovallo, venerable of Anita Garibaldi Lodge; Anthony J. Toro, and Michael Conforti Jr., venerable of Concordia Lodge No. 20.

## Connecticut

### Torrington Lodges Honor Anthony Toro

TORRINGTON, Conn. — Concordia and Anita Garibaldi Lodges initiated 54 members into the Order at ceremonies held in honor of Anthony J. Toro, financial secretary of Concordia Lodge and a past supreme trustee.

Speakers included Grand Venerable Edwin T. Chariott of South Norwalk, Ex-Grand Venerable Domenic Cocco of Bridgeport, Past Grand Venerable Anthony M. Tapogna of Hartford, Grand Trustee Bernard Rubino, Grand Deputy Pat Rich, Carmel Russo, Anthony Quartulli and Mrs. Francis Lovallo, venerable of Garibaldi Lodge.

Venerable Michael A. Conforti Jr., presented Brother Toro with a filing cabinet.

Grand Recording Secretary Louis N. Nardelli of Waterbury, served as herald for the initiation ceremonies. He was assisted by Grand Deputy Rich, Grand Trustee Rubino and Venerable Conforti were co-chairmen.

## Bristol, Conn.

### Dinner For Past Officers

BRISTOL, Conn. — Bristol Lodge No. 567 honored its past officers and six newly ordained priests at recent dinners held in the Sons of Italy ballroom.

Past officers honored were, Elvio DiSabato, ex-venerable; Grand Trustee Joseph Furnari, ex-venerable; Salvatore Buchiere, ex-venerable; Dominic Rapone, past financial secretary; John Bettua, past treasurer, and John Lodovico, former house committeeman. Dr. Joseph Salvatore was toastmaster.

Speakers at the dinner honoring the priests were, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William P. Botticelli, pastor of St. Peter's Church, Torrington; the Rt. Rev. Msgr. James P. Kerwan, administrator of St. Joseph's Church in Bristol, who represented Archbishop Henry J. O'Brien of Hartford; Grand Venerable Edwin T. Chariott and Mayor Walter J. Murphy Jr., Atty Anthony J. Rich was toastmaster.

Honored were the Rev. Joseph DeCarolis, the Rev. George Lauritelli, the Rev. Vito DeCarolis,

the Rev. Francis Pitaro, the Rev. Vincent Mortellite and the Rev. Henry Frascadore.

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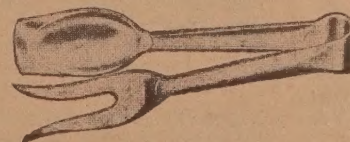
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# The Order In Review

TEN YEARS AGO—1950

Lodges and individual members throughout the United States intensified efforts to raise \$1,000,000 for the erection of the Cassino Memorial Orphanage at Cassino, Italy.



FORTE

Giosue Carducci Lodge No. 146 of Lock Haven, Pa., celebrated its 37th anniversary with a memorial Mass, communion breakfast and a banquet.

Drew Pearson, radio columnist, was made an honorary member of the Order at a dinner held in Philadelphia.

Judge Felix Forte, Somerville, Mass., Ex-Supreme Venerable, was awarded the Italian Republic's Star of Solidarity Medal.

John A. Volpe, Winchester, Mass., was general chairman of the Massachusetts Grand Lodge's \$150,000 fund drive for the Italian Home for the Aged.

FIVE YEARS AGO—1955

Members of the Order made strong representations to President Eisenhower, Secretary of State Dulles and members of the Congress in the abrupt dismissal of Edward J. Corsi as a special assistant in the State Department.

Assistant Grand Venerable Americo V. Cortese, Philadelphia, president of the National Historical Society, announced that 28 colleges and universities agreed to participate in the society's program to award prizes for theses.

Italy's Premier Mario Scelba was taken on a tour of the new home of the Pennsylvania Grand Lodge in Philadelphia, during his visit in the United States.

A class of 40 new members was inducted at exercises conducted by Iolanda Margerita Lodge No. 342 at Westerly, R. I.



CORTESE

## Letters From Our Readers

## IN THE MAILBAG

This column is open to all readers for expressions of opinion. As an evidence of good faith contributors are expected to sign name and address. When it is so requested the name will not be published. Letters will be published in the order they are received.

### ASSISTED IN NAMING BRIDGE

To the Editor of OSIA NEWS:

As you probably know from the recent newspaper publicity, the naming of the span over the Narrows in New York Harbor was approved by the Legislature to be known as the Verrazzano-Narrows Bridge.

We of Glen Cove Lodge No. 1016, of Glen Cove, N. Y., through the Grand Lodge of New York, are well pleased at the final result of the recognition afforded the Florentine navigator and discoverer of the New York Harbor.

We would like to feel that some small part was played by Glen Cove and the New York Grand Lodge as instrumentalists in having the bridge named for the following reason:

On May 6, 1959 the Glen Cove Lodge at its regular meeting adopted a resolution for presentation to the Grand Lodge at Convention time in June 1959.

The Grand Lodge in turn accepted our resolution with some minor changes concerning the naming of the bridge upon completion—the G. D. Verrazzano Bridge. This in turn was presented to the Supreme Council for consideration at its 1959 Supreme Convention.

It is clearly understood that we do not take full credit for instituting this movement. We just want to share with our brother and sister lodges throughout the Order those potentials which are in the interests of the Order Sons of Italy in America.

Venerable Andrew C. Bongiorno  
Glen Cove, N. Y.

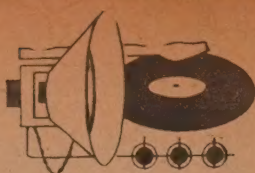
### PRAISES WORK OF OSIA NEWS

To the Editor of OSIA NEWS:

I want you to know how much I appreciate and enjoy the OSIA NEWS. I think it is one of the finest newspapers printed, and one that makes it known to the Italian Americans what the Order is doing for the betterment of our country and the help it gives to the people of Italy.

It is wonderful to read about the other lodges and the different projects they undertake to prevent juvenile delinquency and to combat the "myth of the Mafia." I am very much in favor of preventing juvenile delinquency. I would like to see more programs to interest the youth of today. I do not believe delinquent children should be thrown in prison where they become tough and hard. They should be placed in schools where they may become useful citizens of tomorrow.

Recording Secretary Mary E. Bovi  
Racine, Wis.



## RECORDS IN REVIEW

By A. ALFRED MARCELLO

RCA Victor's new album—FROM THE BEST OF CARUSO and LANZA SINGS CARUSO FAVORITES—is certain to please most followers of this column. This is a two-for-one package deal. You get two records for the price of one.

The Caruso disc features a number of selections most commonly associated with the famous tenor. They were recorded back in the early 1900's; those were the early days of recorded music. RCA Victor has transferred these priceless Caruso selections to long-playing records as we know them today.

RCA Victor engineers did a good job of re-recording under the circumstances. Caruso's magnificent voice comes through clearly and with reasonable resonance, but we found a "tinny" quality to these recordings.

Hi-fi equipment of today is quite sensitive and it easily picks up any defect in recording. There are background and surface noises which are bound to distract the listener. This is not a record you'll want to play frequently, but we suppose it is an album most audiophiles will want if for no other reason than to say that Caruso is represented in their collections.

On side one is recorded Celeste Aida; Solenne in Quest'Ora with Antonio Scotti, baritone; three arias from Rigoletto including the Quartet with Galli-Curci singing the soprano role; on side two are Handel's Largo, the gem Vesti la Giubba as well as the sextet from Lucia.

The Lanza recording features such Caruso favorites as Vieni sur Mar, Serenata, La Mia Canzone and Ideale.

This is not one of Lanza's better performances. The sound is good, the background music adequate, but somehow this recording just doesn't come off. There are any number of other recordings by Lanza we would prefer to this one.

### Stokowski's 7th

By all standards Leopold Stokowski's recording of BEETHOVEN'S SEVENTH SYMPHONY, for United Artists is quite impressive. As in other recordings for United Artists, Stokowski conducts the Symphony of the Air. This is another inspired performance by Stokowski and the Symphony of the Air. Stokowski's reading of this popular Beethoven symphony is exciting as it is sensitive. The sound is lush and the ensemble playing is superlative.

The "7th" is undoubtedly Beethoven's most popular work after the C minor symphony.

Stokowski's recording, however, is one we are sure all Beethoven fans will want for their collection.

### Italian Music

Florid Italian music is given a master's touch in the new Vox release, GREETINGS FROM ITALY. This excellent recording features Gianni Monese and his Orchestra. Such vivacious favorites as Santa Lucia, Ciribiribin and Marechiaro are played on a broad canvass by Monese who

seems to know how to extract top performances from his ensemble of musicians.

A banjo and accordian are used quite effectively by Monese. The stereo version of this release is heads and shoulders over the conventional one-channel version.

### On The Beach

Frank Chacksfield's recordings are always easy to take and his latest release for London Records, ON THE BEACH is no exception. This is an assortment of Hollywood film themes played in the inimitable Chacksfield style. These include April Love, Oklahoma, Laura, High Noon, Love Is a Many Splendored Thing, Night and Day, Limelight, Three Coins in the Fountain and The Student Prince.

Good sound, both stereo and conventional hi-fi.

### Peter Grimes

London's stereo recording of Benjamin Britten's opera PETER GRIMES is another example of what amazing strides have been made in sound engineering. The illusion of space in this recording (three discs) is nothing short of astonishing. The street scenes in particular are quite realistic.

PETER GRIMES made its debut in London soon after World War II. It was an immediate success and placed Britten in the ranks of major composers.

The opera is sung in English by soloists and the Chorus of the Royal Opera House. The orchestra is conducted by Britten which perhaps explains the excellence of the performances not only by the singers but by the orchestra as well.

This is the type of an opera that requires studious listening. It may not take with some the first time, but we are certain that listeners will be converted the second time around.

A significant operatic work. You'll be hearing more and more about PETER GRIMES as time goes by.

### Recorded Comedy

Comedy routine via the recorded route would ordinarily pose some problems, but not so with a new comic to the American scene—Bob Newhart. In a new album for Warner Bros., THE BUTTON-DOWN MIND OF BOB NEWHART—the comic provides some lively, clean, recorded humor.

This album has a number of situations which make for side-splitting comedy. There is, for example, the bit called The Khrushchev Landing Rehearsal, the Driving Instructor and an hilarious routine, Nobody Will Ever Play Baseball.

Newhart, a one-time public certified accountant, delivers his repartee with infectious skill. This is refreshing entertainment off the beaten track.

## OPERATIC SINGERS



Terese Berganzl, the Spanish Opera singer, has made a new recording for London which features Spanish songs. It will be reviewed on this page next month.



Cesare Siepi, recognized as the world's leading basso, and featured in a number of opera recordings, whose latest release for London Records will be reviewed in these columns next month.

## CAPSULE REVIEWS

**HAWAIIAN EYE**—Warren Barker and his Orchestra on the Warner Bros. label. Vocals by Connie Stevens, Robert Conrad and Poncie Ponce the stars of the television show Hawaiian Eye. Bright and entertaining by today's standards. Makes for pleasant listening.

**BIG BAND BLUES**—London label; Ted Heath Orchestra in a brisk display of ensemble work. Some numbers are performed with a military flair. Features the Royal Garden Blues, Limehouse Blues, among others. The stereo is good.

### Collector's Items

**ITALIAN MUSIC IN THE AGE OF EXPLORATION**—Lyricord label. Features the Fleetwood Singers in choral music from the 15th to the 17 century. The singers are supported by guitar or harpsichord. The performances are tops and the sound is well balanced and clear.

**ITALIAN TROUBADOUR SONGS**—A Westminster release. The 14th century master, Francesco Landino's works splendidly performed by Giulio Caccini, Jacopo Peri and Marco da Galliano. Some late Renaissance composers also represented.

**MADAME BUTTERFLY**—Two records by Angel. Re-issues of 1939 recordings. With Beniamino Gigli and Toti Dal Monte. Gigli was in vocal prime when he made this recording in Rome.



# Order Is Praised

The following letter was received by the Order's National Chairman on Public Relations from the Rev. Fr. Joseph Mastrangelo of the Regina Coeli Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Mr. Marcello:

Just a word to let you know that I thoroughly enjoyed your "Viewpoint" in the April issue of the OSIA NEWS.

As an American of Italian descent, as one who is very proud of my Italian ancestry, I am glad that the Italo-American organizations have taken up the gauntlet in this affair of The Untouchables. Certainly, all Americans of Italian descent, and particularly those of Sicilian ancestry have become the butt of many unfunny jokes . . . and outright prejudice. To say this is most unfair and against all the laws of Christian charity is to understate the case at hand.

My parish is made up basically of Americans of Sicilian descent. Some bitterly resent this entire matter . . . while others, simply make a joke of the whole thing and laughingly call the TV program, "The Italian Hour." Neither attitude is an answer. Both perspectives do not answer the questions, nor solve the problem of bigotry. You folks and our own ISDA (Italian Sons and Daughters of America) can be of tremendous assistance in all this literary mess. I would suggest a joining of forces in this regard . . . let it include any Italo-American organization sincerely interested in the welfare of Americans of Italian descent. Sometimes, small voices can't be heard, but concentrated protest, loud and clear and logical and free of politics, can accomplish miracles.

We priests, whose parents came from Italy, revere and respect our centuries-old heritage. To us, our parental culture is a matter of great pride. This does not make us second-rate Americans, nor can we be branded nationalists for feeling this way. We priests are proud of the thousands and thousands of Americans of Italian descent who are an honor and a credit to every field of endeavor on the American scene. It hurts us deeply when our people are slandered . . . for we know how our people came across the ocean and started at the bottom of everything and climbed by sheer effort to a position of credit and honor.

Again: my thanks to you for speaking out. Keep up the good work. These issues are not settled by one newspaper article, nor are they settled in a day or a week or a month. You have started something, don't let it end in the April issue of your paper.

The Rev. Fr. Joseph A. Mastrangelo  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

## PAGEANT ARTICLE ON MAFIA

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hoodlum activities must cooperate with honest public officials. During my conversation with Peterson, a prominent Chicago businessman called to complain about graft he had to pay to a Chicago politician in order to obtain certain conditions needed to run a legitimate business. But he refused to sign a statement attesting to the bribe solicitation. If he did, he insisted, he would be harassed intolerably by angry public officials. His refusal to sign, of course, left the Crime Commission powerless to act.

When his visitor left, Peterson sighed. "This is the way it is all the time," he said. "People want crime and corruption cleaned up. But so few of them are willing —

as individuals — to risk anything at all to bring it about."

7. Our courts must accept their responsibilities in the fight against crime. More and more judges are hiding behind legal technicalities in turning loose criminal leaders or letting them off with a slap on the wrist. Jurists with courage have helped win some notable victories against top criminals. But we need more judges willing to quit ducking.

### Minimum Sentences Only

Peterson also believes that judges should be permitted to set only minimum — never maximum — sentences. The latter would be decided by a parole board, which would periodically consider the suitability of a convicted criminal for release. This would put some bite in token sentences handed out to powerful criminal leaders by wishy-washy jurists.

But before any of these reforms can come about, Peterson believes the widespread citizen apathy toward crime in this country must first be replaced by an honest-to-God, all-out determination to rid ourselves of the growing blight of organized crime. And this basic change in attitude won't come as long as the public is continually fed a glamorized picture of a group of super-criminals running organized crime.

"The Mafia," concludes Peterson, "is important — because it is symptomatic of the desire of the majority of the public to romanticize and oversimplify crime. Crime is neither romantic nor simple. It's venal and it's complex. And it's high time that we quit making up super-crime organizations, and begin to grapple with crime where we can lick it — right in our own home town."

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## Illinois

# Spatuzza Speaks at Blue Island

BLUE ISLAND, Ill.—Ex-Supreme Venerable George J. Spatuzza was principal speaker at the 25th anniversary banquet sponsored by Blue Island Lodge No. 1659. More than 400 persons attended the event held at Cavallinis Restaurant.

Other speakers included Mayor John Hart, Dr. Filiberto Ciarla, chancellor of the Italian consulate office; Judge Alexander Napoli, ex-Grand Venerable; the Very Rev. Fr. Louis Bertolone, pastor of St. Donatus Church, and Venerable Luca Alfidi.

Spatuzza said in part:

"During the past three decades we went through a depression, the most severe in the history of America, and a war, the most destructive of all wars.

"During the war years we contributed hundreds of thousands of dollars to alleviate the suffering of those less fortunate.

"We erected the Cassino Memorial Orphanage at Cassino, Italy at the cost of a half million dollars, for Italy's war orphans.

"Our conduct during the war was such that the then President, Franklin D. Roosevelt, said, 'I hope that people of other origins will follow your lead'.

"In the post-war days the Order was of such immense help in the passage of laws to aid the countries devastated by war, that succeeding Presidents of the United States during this period highly commended the Order.

"And our fight against communism has been highly praised by liberty loving people. We shall continue this fight, for the Order is an American organization, whose members believe in one, and only one, 'ism,' and that is 'Americanism.'"

Guests were Grand Financial Secretary Mrs. Antonietta Vigna and Grand Trustee Frank Mascola, a past venerable and one of the founders of the lodge.

Ex-Supreme Venerable Spatuzza also paid tribute to the memory of Pasquale Alamprese, a founder and first venerable of the lodge, who had also served the Illinois Order as grand trustee.

Michael Guglielmucci was toastmaster.

The committee, Eugene Caravetta, chairman; Enrico Alamprese, Luca Alfidi, Mario Altieri, Vito Botte, John Carriere, Joseph Cianci, Pasquale Cervasi, Theodore Manna, Guglielmucci, Mascola, Gino Penzo, Michael Orseno and Emilio Reali.

## The Northwest Home Drive Nets \$612 In March

SEATTLE, Wash. — Dr. Nicholas Sarro, Supreme Trustee, reported \$612 was contributed in March to the Sons of Italy Foundation and National Memorial Home fund drive.

Dr. Sarro, state chairman for the drive, announced the following new contributions:

Renton Lodge, \$260; City of Roses Lodge, Portland, \$129; Auburn Lodge, \$100; Sons and daughters of Columbus Lodge, Portland, \$55; Virtus Lodge, \$22; Fedele Lodge, \$20; Black Diamond Lodge, \$16, and Tacoma Lodge, \$10.

## Supreme Chaplain's Corner

# A Lesson From the Resurrection

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As Christians we are followers and close imitators of Christ; indeed, it is expected of us to be 'other Christs' in all respects. This means that in us must be reproduced all the various phases of Our Lord's life on earth, the sorrows as well as the joys. In fact, the sorrows are a necessary prelude to the joys.

Human nature being what it is we are most anxious and willing to follow Christ in His resurrection, but so reluctant to do so in His Passion and Crucifixion. Yet, we cannot have one without the other. Our Lord's resurrection took place only after He was subjected to the most excruciating pains and the most ignominious death on the Cross. It is folly to think that what He obtained at so great a price, we shall have without paying a similar price. He was Innocence itself; we are sinners.

Our personal resurrection must be preceded by our personal Good Friday. This means that we must accept with perfect resignation whatever physical crosses there are in our life: suffering; illness; misfortune; pain, etc. Also, it means that we bear patiently even our mystical crosses which, though not fashioned of palpable substance, are none-the-less real crosses: misunderstanding by our very friends, even our families; injustice; ingratitude, unreturned love; an unappreciated sacrifice, etc. In the case of those who are free of these physical or mystical crosses they must voluntarily put in their lives crosses of their own making: penance; mortification of the senses; self-denial; heroic charity, etc.

The death that must precede our resurrection is death to our sins, to our unruly passions, to our evil inclinations; death to self that causes us to act out of selfish motives, even at the cost of sinning against God.

"He who does not suffer with Me, cannot rise with Me."

## West Virginia

# \$1000 Contributed to Home Fund

FAIRMONT, W. Va. — Grand Venerable Angelo Viani, state chairman for the National Memorial Home fund drive, reports contributions totalling \$1000 have been sent to National Chairman John A. Volpe.

Thus far West Virginia members have contributed \$1400 to the home drive. Quota for the state is \$6000.

## Cernuto Western Penn. Chairman

ELLWOOD CITY, Pa. — Supreme Treasurer Joseph Cernuto of Mt. Pleasant, has been named chairman of the Western Pennsylvania Committee to raise funds for the National Memorial Home to be erected in Washington, D.C.

Cernuto was appointed at a meeting of Districts 15-18 held at the Sons of Italy Hall.

Supreme Trustee Charles Caputo of Pittsburgh and Assistant Grand Venerable Albert Chenet

## Chicago, Ill.

# Support For Order's Projects Urged

CHICAGO—Support of the Order's National Memorial Home fund drive and changes in present U.S. immigration laws were urged by speakers at the 37th anniversary banquet sponsored by Anita Garibaldi Ladies' Lodge No. 1351.

Ex-Supreme Venerable George J. Spatuzza, principal speaker, pointed up the Order's fight against the unjust provisions in existing immigration laws.

He said, "the fight on the immigration laws will continue on until the discrimination against our people is removed therefrom and the laws be so modified as to correspond to justice and democratic ideals."

He also noted that the Order was presently conducting a campaign "against those who seek to defame our good name."

Grand Venerable Humphrey W. Serritella urged members to

of Latrobe have been named co-chairmen.

All grand officers in the western section of the state were appointed assistant chairmen and the venerables of the lodges in the area have been named to the general committee.

## Corsi Heads Ohio Drive

CLEVELAND, Ohio — State Sen. Anthony O. Calabrese of East Cleveland, Grand Venerable of Ohio, has announced the appointment of Atty. Louis Corsi of Bedford as state chairman for the National Memorial Home fund drive.

Corsi succeeds Supreme Trustee Julius A. Pizzoferrato of Steubenville, who resigned as state chairman last month.

Prior to leaving the post Supreme Trustee Pizzoferrato reported that contributions totalling \$75 had been forwarded to National Home Chairman Volpe.

contribute as generously as possible to the National Memorial Home building fund.

He said the home "will enhance the prestige of the Order, its members and all of the Italian Americans throughout the country."

Other speakers were, Judge Alexander J. Napoli, ex-Grand Venerable; Grand Recording Secretary Vito D. Signorile, Grand Financial Secretary Mrs. Antonietta Vigna, Mrs. Margaret Zuccolo, lodge venerable; Alderman Domenic Lupo, Mrs. Margaret Zuccolo, lodge venerable, and the Rev. Father Anellin, pastor of St. Anthony's Church.

Mrs. Irene Desiderio, lodge treasurer and assistant to the grand recording and financial secretaries, was toastmaster.





**SUPREME FINANCIAL SECRETARY CITED**  
Supreme Financial Secretary Americo A. DeMartinis, left, receives gift from State Rep. Vincent Capitolo at testimonial dinner given by Guglielmo Oberdan Lodge in the Grand Lodge building in Philadelphia. Brother DeMartinis and his wife, Ernestine, have been members of the Order for 43 years. The gift was a set of diamond-studded cuff links and tie clasp.



**PA. DISTRICTS 15 - 18 FETE SUPREME TRUSTEE CAPUTO**  
Supreme Trustee Charles N. Caputo of Pittsburgh, center, honored at a banquet given by Districts 15-18 at Ellwood City, is congratulated by Andy Biordi, banquet chairman. At left, seated, is Grand Recording Secretary Ernest L. Biagi of Philadelphia, who was speaker. Rear, left to right, Christy Mangin of Manaca, Mrs. Josephine Rossi and Grand Trustee James Iorfido, chairman of District 18.

## Sale of Book, "The Purple Aster", To Help Home Fund

The National Memorial Home fund drive will benefit from the sale of "The Purple Aster," a book on the history of the Order.

Grand Recording Secretary Ernest L. Biagi of Philadelphia, author of the forthcoming book made the announcement.

Biagi said: "With each book sold, the building fund will receive \$1.00."

The book, which will chronicle the history of the Order since its inception in 1905, is now being readied for the printer. It will be published by Veritas Publishing Co., of New York City.

Advance orders are being taken and the pre-publication price is \$5.00 per copy.

## Assist Seal Drive In Watertown, Mass.

WATERTOWN, Mass. — Grand Trustee Antonio Mosca, and Philip Pane, a past Grand Trustee, of the city's recent 16th annual Easter Seal campaign, announced a record-breaking drive for this year's appeal for funds.

## Birthday Party For Biagi

PHILADELPHIA — A large gathering honored Grand Recording Secretary Ernest L. Biagi at a birthday party held in the Sons of Italy building.

President Judge Eugene V. Alessandrini, Grand Venerable of the Pennsylvania Order, was the principal speaker.

He said of the honored guest: "In the most trying period in the history of the Order, we needed a man of decision, of courage, of resolution."

"That man was Biagi. He put his heart and soul into the Order and into the cause of the Italians in America. He has given his life's blood for all of us of the Order, not only in Pennsylvania — but for the Order everywhere in America."

## Andrew Bongiorno Testimonial May 18

GLEN COVE, N. Y. — Andrew C. Bongiorno, ex-venerable of Glen Cove Lodge, will be honored at a testimonial banquet to be held May 18 at the Holiday House.

## New York

### Glen Cove Installation

GLEN COVE, N.Y.—Louis Petrucci was installed venerable of Glen Cove Lodge No. 1016 at ceremonies held in the lodge quarters.

Petrucci succeeds Andrew C. Bongiorno, ex-venerable and state chairman for the National Memorial Home fund drive.

Grand Deputy Dominick Imbese was installing officer. He was assisted by Supreme Trustee Joseph A. Nigro, a member of the lodge, who served as herald.

Other officers seated, Michael A. Pascucci, assistant venerable; Angelo Zuccals, orator; Joseph Scuteri, financial secretary; Grace Moores, recording secretary; Joseph A. Stanco, treasurer; Michael Flammio, Joseph Salamone, Alex Pelliccio, Louis Renaldo, Carmine Geneva, trustees; Louis Capabianco and Carmine Salvato, masters of ceremony; Salvatore Toranto, sgt.-at-arms.

A large delegation from Port Washington Lodge attended the ceremonies.

## Ellwood City, Pa.

### Tribute to Caputo

ELLWOOD CITY, Pa.—Grand Recording Secretary Ernest L. Biagi of Philadelphia, speaking at a testimonial banquet honoring Supreme Trustee Charles Caputo, said the "Order is more of a necessity than ever before."

The banquet to Atty. Caputo of Pittsburgh was given by Districts 15-18. More than 500 persons attended.

"If we did not now have a national organization called the Sons of Italy," Biagi said, "I am sure that we would get busy immediately and create one."

"The Order is needed to fight against discrimination and to fight against unfair immigration laws. That is why it is imperative that we get behind the campaign to erect a National Memorial Home in Washington, D.C., to put us where we can do the most for our people, and for all people who are discriminated against."

"I hope that those of Italian origin who understand and approve our struggle for recognition and advancement will join

and support the Order and its leaders."

Also honored were members of the Grand Council and Grand Lodge commissions of the four districts.

Atty. Caputo, one of Pittsburgh's assistant city solicitors, was presented a portable television set. He was cited for his work in speeding up naturalization processes for immigrants.

Speakers were State Sen. Anthony O. Calabrese, of East Cleveland, Grand Venerable of Ohio; Chamber of Commerce Secretary Dennis Schill; George X. Simonetta, mayor of Meadville, and the Rev. Fr. Nicholas Blondi.

Honored with Supreme Trustee Caputo were:

Grand trustees — Adolph J. Cicco, Butler; Guy Mammolite, Franklin, and James Iorfido, Ambridge.

Dante School Commission — Mrs. Annetta Berardi, Ellwood City; B. J. Blondi, New Castle; Mrs. Anna Romeo, Erie, deceased; Christy Mangin, Monaca, and Maria DeBella, Pittsburgh.

Mortuary Fund Commission — Michael D'Amico, Butler; Frank DeBona, Beaver Falls, and Flore DiJulius, Pittsburgh.

Hospitalization Commission — Emilio Bello, Sharon, and Amorina Spagnolo, Freedom.

Women's Division — Mrs. Yolanda Prosperini, Ellwood City and Mrs. Josephine Rossi, Fair Oaks.

## Pennsylvania

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lodge meetings to each of the sponsors who was responsible for four or more new members.

Canonsburg's leading effort was a team job with 12 men and women accounting for the amazing increase of the Nuova Trento E. Trieste Lodge. They are Joseph D'Amico, Fred R. Terling, Fred Terling, Josephine Campagna, Steve Fragapane, Annibale Colazzo, Mary Gesualdo, Anthony Terling, Mario D'Angelo, Catherine Massimino, Daniel Verona and Joseph Mascetta.



## INITIATE 24 NEW MEMBERS AT CHESTER, PA.

More than 200 persons attended the initiation of a class of new members by "12 Ottobre" Lodge No. 486. Speakers included Louis Calvarese, venerable, and Joseph Pappano, orator. A highlight was the presentation of a life membership certificate to Michael Pascuale, past venerable and treasurer of the Dante School Commission. Seated, left to right, Harry Ponci, Pasquale Consenza, Andre Polli, Domenic Pileggi, Mrs. John Troffa, Mrs. Francis Pileggi, Mrs. James Manni, Mrs. Joseph Muscella, Stephen Primatie, Phillip Toanone; standing, left to right, Venerable Calvarese, Francis Pileggi, trustee and chairman of the membership committee; Peter Pulcini, Joseph DiCostanza, Samuel Calise, Nick Cresta, Alfred Marchiani, Jerry Zangari, Louis Fusco, Benjamin Iannucci, Charles Vaccaro, Rudolph Georgini and Ernest DiNicola.